

REMARKS:

The Examiner has stated that claims 9-13, 15, 16 and 20-27 are allowed. Accordingly, no changes have been made to these claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph for containing subject matter that the Examiner asserts is not described in the specification. Accordingly, the statement claim 1 has been amended to delete the phrase "occurring immediately prior to the current information". Similarly, claim 28 has been amended to delete the phrase "the history being information acquired immediately prior to the current information." Since this has been the only grounds of rejection, the Applicant believes that claims 1 and 28 as amended are allowable.

The Examiner has also stated that claims 2-8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 112 rejection of the base claim (claim 1), and if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 1). Accordingly, claims 2-8 have been rewritten in independent form, without the phrase "occurring immediately prior to the current information", which gave rise to the 112 rejection of claim 1.

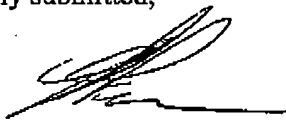
Claims 17-19 and claim 29 have been cancelled.

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The Applicant sincerely believes that remaining claims 1-13 and 20-28 are allowable. A notice of allowance is therefore requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. JP920020150US1).

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